

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8003

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As of February 28, 2007

**Brief Description:** Calling for no escalation in Iraq.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, Pridemore, Shin, Oemig, Prentice, Poulsen, Regala, Spanel and Jacobsen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 3/01/07.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

**Background:** Iraq is a country located in the Middle East at the northernmost extent of the Persian Gulf. Contemporary Iraq occupies territory that historians regard as the site of the earliest civilizations of the Middle East.

The March 19, 2003, U.S. led invasion of Iraq marked the beginning of the Iraq War. In the President's January 10, 2007, Address to the Nation, the President committed more than 20,000 additional American troops to Iraq.

**Summary of Bill:** The President of the United States and the United States Congress are petitioned to not escalate United States involvement in Iraq or increase troop levels. The President is further petitioned to obtain explicit approval from Congress in order to send more American troops to Iraq. Congress is further petitioned to pass legislation prohibiting the President from spending taxpayer dollars on an escalation in Iraq, unless the President first seeks Congressional approval.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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